

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Contact: Patrice Sulik, Director of Health  
Telephone: 203-452-5195

### **Trumbull Monroe Health District Announces Expanded Eligible Priority Groups for H1N1 Vaccine**

Trumbull, CT (November 12, 2009)-The Trumbull Monroe Health District is continuing to schedule appointments for the H1N1 vaccine to qualifying residents. The vaccine will be administered to priority groups outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH).

Residents who meet the following requirements are urged to call the Trumbull Monroe Health District at 452-5195 during regular office hours between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, to schedule their appointment:

Those eligible to receive the Nasal Mist (Influenza A (H1N1) Monovalent LAIV)

- Healthy children aged 24 months (2 years) through 24 years
  - Healthy household contacts and primary caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age
  - Healthy healthcare workers and EMS personnel who have direct contact with patients.
- The supply of vaccine is not yet sufficient to offer vaccine to all healthcare workers who have direct patient care contact. Priority will be given to health care workers who have direct patient care contact with children.

Those eligible to receive Inactivated, injectable (Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine)

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and primary caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age
- All children aged 6 months through 83 months (6 months through 6 years)
- Children age 7 through 24 years with high risk medical conditions
- Healthcare workers and EMS personnel with medical conditions who have direct contact with patients. The supply of vaccine is not yet sufficient to offer vaccine to all healthcare workers who have direct patient care contact. Priority will be given to health care workers who have direct patient care contact with children.

**The injectable form of H1N1 vaccine is in short supply and should not be used in healthy persons aged 2 years through 24 years if the nasal mist is available.**

“We have already vaccinated hundreds of residents in our community and will continue vaccination efforts as vaccine becomes available,” states Patrice Sulik, Director of Health. First Selectmen Ray Baldwin and Tom Buzi encourage residents to follow preventive practices such as frequent hand washing, covering your cough and staying

home from work and school when you are ill. This will help to keep others in the community from getting ill as the vaccination effort continues.

Individuals in the qualifying priority groups can also check with their primary care physicians who also may be administering the H1N1 vaccine. For up-to-date information on H1N1 vaccine availability and priority groups that have been cleared to receive vaccine, visit [www.trumbull-ct.gov](http://www.trumbull-ct.gov) or [www.monroect.org](http://www.monroect.org).